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- Yung Chang Chung Company is the second largest Yunnan tin brokerage firm in Hong Kong and Macao. It buys tin in Yunnan, transports it overland to Kweiyang and Luichou, then down the river to Canton and Macao. The company stated that it chose this route rather than going down the Red River to Lackay, Indochina, then to Hairhong, because bandits are in complete control of the area south of Kochiu to the Indochina border. The commony could not fly tin because French restriction on Haiphong landings caused Civil Air Transport to give priority to cargoes of Rondon and Company and Yanaan Peoples Development Corporation.
- In September 1950 the company, which believed that Canton would be held by the Nationalists for several months, started 300 metric tons of 96-99% tin on the overland route. The Communist armies captured the tin, and it is believed that they also captured the commany's representatives.

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